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## GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS CARTER AND CURTIS TO MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES ADVISORY COMMISSION

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Philip B. Carter** of Raleigh and **Bonnie M. Curtis** of Raleigh to the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences Advisory Commission.

Carter is executive director of Sigma Xi scienticfic research society. He received his Bachelor's degree in biology and postgraduate degree in microbiology from Notre Dame University.

Curtis is an elementary science consultant for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. She is state coordinator of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching and a member of the North Carolina Science Teacher's Association. Curtis received her Bachelor's degree in elementary eduation from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and her Master's degree in educational leadership from East Carolina University.

The commission formulates policies for the advancement of the State Museum of Natural Sciences and assists in promoting and developing wider and more effective uses of the museum as an educational, scientific and historical exhibit. The board has 40 members, each serving a two-year term. The governor appoints 33 members. The director to the Institute of Marine Sciences of UNC, the director of the Wildlife Resource Commission, the state geologist, the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, the secretary of the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, the director of the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences and the superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction also serve on the commission.

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